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### ***Letter From the Editor-in-Chief***

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The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum* have worked hard to ensure that Volume 31.2 continues to be interesting and insightful as well as informative. I, along with the Editorial Board, am extremely satisfied about the combination and variety of these cases covering both the state and federal level, providing the Maryland practitioner with an excellent tool with which to act quickly and decisively.

In this issue, the Editorial Board would like to thank Nikhail Devecha for all of his help in guidance throughout the years in ensuring the success of the *University of Baltimore Law Forum*. Mr. Devecha left his position at the Law School to pursue other goals, and we extend our best wishes to both him and his family.

In addition to our usual sampling of Recent Developments and Articles, this issue also includes several Legislative Summaries of the key bills that have passed in the most recent session of the General Assembly. Amy Mezewski provides a useful summary of the Electronic Transactions Protection Act, while Youngju An describes the legislative intent behind permitting sexual orientation to be a protected class against discrimination in Maryland.

I would like to thank my editorial board for their significant contributions to the publication of this issue, especially Managing Editor Kristin Blumer and Manuscripts Editor Valerie Esch, whose countless hours never went unnoticed. Other people who went out of their way to ensure the *Law Forum* was successful include the Dean Gilbert Holmes and Professor Robert Lande, whose support and counseling helped the journal staff continue on the right course toward our goals.

Finally, I extend my best wishes to Tiffany Turner and the entire Editorial Board for Volume 32. I only hope that this group of outstanding individuals may work as well together as this year's Editorial Board.

Brian J. Kelly  
Editor in Chief